

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian Information Technology professionals in developed countries of the world;
- (b) the number of Information Technology professionals required in India in the last 5 to 10 years;
- (c) the cost of educating Information Technology professionals in the country; and
- (d) the manner in which gap between demand and supply of Information Technology professionals would be fulfilled?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

- (a): No data is maintained by the Government in respect of Indian I.T. professionals working in developed countries.
- (b): The IT Task Force has set a target of US\$ 50 billion of Software export by the year 2008 and this target has been accepted by the Government. The Mckinsey report has estimated that a total of 2.2 million professionals would be required in the IT sector by the year 2008 to achieve the above target.
- (c): The cost of educating information technology professionals in the country varies both in the formal and non-formal sector depending upon the type of course and its duration.
- (d): The issue here is mainly one of quality and not that of numbers and it is the endeavour of the Government to continuously upgrade the quality of the education.